

King of Glory Lutheran Church, Boise, Idaho

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent

March 5, 2023  
*Setting 3*



GATHERING

Prelude  
Welcome

## **Confession and Forgiveness**

### *Invitation to Confession*

When we offer God our confession, we join the beautiful work of reconciliation, which begins with our reconciling with God. Trusting in our Partner in grace, let us make our confession, first in silent prayer.

### *Silent Confession*

## **Unison Prayer of Confession**

**Gracious and loving God, open our hearts so that we are able to admit to you the fullness of our lives - that which is beautiful and good, and that which is hurtful and hateful.**

**We confess that we do not follow Jesus in all that we do. We love with condition. We judge and condemn. We cast the first stone and keep the logs in our own eyes. We do not turn to You as the source of our healing.**

**Forgive us, we pray. Forgive our sin, and empower us to be imitators of Christ in love and service. Amen.**

### *Assurance of Forgiveness*

Friends in Christ, know this: the mercy of God is from everlasting to everlasting, and I remind you of this surpassing grace - in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

**Amen.**

## **Gathering Hymn: #325 I Want Jesus to Walk with Me**

### **Pastoral Greeting**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

**Praise hymn: #808 Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song Verse 1****Prayer of the Day** *By Pastor Nadia Bolz-Weber*

Let us pray. (*pause*)

Dear God, I can't seem to pray this morning. I can't express my deepest longings. Because some of those longings feel so selfish. And some of those longings feel so impossible. And some of those longings feel so tender, they would snag on any words meant to speak them.

I feel only contradictions right now God, (concern and numbness, hope and despair, greed and generosity, compassion and cynicism) and I fear they only cancel each other out so why say them at all. So God, I hope that my unexpressed longings and hurts and hopes and inconsistencies are seen by you, felt by you, known by you without any words by me. I cannot pray, I can only be still and know (or maybe just hope) that you are God - and that it is enough. **Amen.**

**WORD****Genesis 12:1-4a**

Now the Lord said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran.

**Psalm 121**

- <sup>1</sup>I lift up my eyes <sup>l</sup> to the hills;  
 from where is my <sup>l</sup> help to come?
- <sup>2</sup>**My help comes <sup>l</sup> from the Lord,  
 the maker of heav- <sup>l</sup> en and earth.**
- <sup>3</sup>The Lord will not let your <sup>l</sup> foot be moved  
 nor will the one who watches over you <sup>l</sup> fall asleep.
- <sup>4</sup>**Behold, the keep- <sup>l</sup> er of Israel  
 will neither slum- <sup>l</sup> ber nor sleep; R**
- <sup>5</sup>the Lord watches <sup>l</sup> over you;  
 the Lord is your shade at <sup>l</sup> your right hand;
- <sup>6</sup>**the sun will not strike <sup>l</sup> you by day,  
 nor the <sup>l</sup> moon by night.**
- <sup>7</sup>The Lord will preserve you <sup>l</sup> from all evil  
 and will <sup>l</sup> keep your life.
- <sup>8</sup>**The Lord will watch over your going out and your <sup>l</sup> coming in,  
 from this time forth for- <sup>l</sup> evermore.**

**Romans 4:1-5, 13-17**

What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the scripture say? “Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness.” Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness. For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”) —in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

### “Return to the Lord your God”

S 142b

Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and

mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in

stead - fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Return to the Lord your God". It consists of three staves of music in a single system, all written on a treble clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The first staff begins with a treble clef and a B-flat key signature. The lyrics are: "Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and". The second staff continues the melody with lyrics: "mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in". The third staff concludes the phrase with lyrics: "stead - fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love." The score ends with a double bar line. The number "S 142b" is printed in the upper right corner of the first staff.

### John 3:1-17

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. <sup>2</sup>He came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.” <sup>3</sup>Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.”

<sup>4</sup>Nicodemus said to him, “How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?” <sup>5</sup>Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. <sup>6</sup>What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. <sup>7</sup>Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’ <sup>8</sup>The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.”

<sup>9</sup>Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” <sup>10</sup>Jesus answered him, “Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? <sup>11</sup>“Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. <sup>12</sup>If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things?

<sup>13</sup>No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. <sup>14</sup>And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, <sup>15</sup>that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

<sup>16</sup>“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. <sup>17</sup>“Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **Children’s Sermon**

### **Sermon**

**Hymn of the Day: Hymn #661 I love to Tell the Story**

**CREED Song – John Ylvesaker**

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# I Believe, I Do Believe

*Melody In Middle:*

I be-lieve, I do be-lieve, tru - ly I be-lieve it, tru -  
 I be-lieve in God the Al-might - y Lord Cre - a - tor, might -  
 I be-lieve in Je - sus the Sav - ior of the peo - ple, Sav -  
 And I do be-lieve in the pow - er of the Spir - it, pow -

ly I be-lieve it, tru - ly I be-lieve it.  
 y Lord Cre - a - tor, might - y Lord Cre - a - tor.  
 ior of the peo - ple, Sav - ior of the peo - ple.  
 er of the Spir - it, pow - er of the Spir - it.

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*D.C. 2, 3, & 4*      *Small Group:*

Yes, I tru - ly be-lieve!  
 I be-lieve!

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 Music: "We Shall Not Give Up", trad. So. African, arr. J.Y. © 1989 John C. Ylvisaker

*D.C. (Vs. 1) while continuing to sing these four measures.*

Yes, I tru-ly be-lieve! I be-lieve, I do be-lieve, tru-ly I be-lieve it, tru-ly I be-lieve it, tru-ly I be-lieve it.

*Measures 10-13 can be sung here, also (transposed into the new key).*

### **Prayers of Intercession**

God, it is a necessary luxury to admit silently and aloud, "I need a day." To believe that the world will keep turning while I find the surface and catch my breath again.

Jesus, I cannot control the drumbeat of many things, but I can retreat from the noise to hear my own rhythm, to notice the fullness of my being, the landmarks of my person, the muscles strained or forgotten in the hustle and striving.

Holy Spirit, bless the bosses and lovers and friends who encourage this care. Bless the ones who hold power and set an example. Bless the ones who speak up and work change on behalf of those with too much to lose in honoring themselves.

It is a necessary luxury to return to myself. When I can admit this silently and aloud, I help build a world where everyone can. AMEN

*("Ordinary Blessings" pg. 29, by Meta Herrick Carlson)*

## Meal

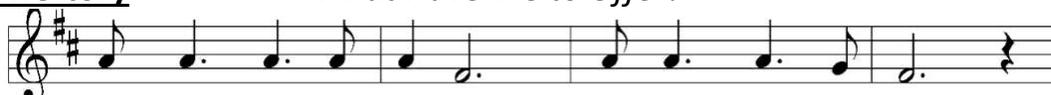
### Sharing of the Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

### Offering

#### Offertory

#### *What Have We to Offer?*



1 What have we to of - fer?      What have we to share?  
 2 What have we to of - fer?      What have we to bring?  
 3 What have we to of - fer?      What have we to give?



Coins from the cof - fer,      hearts filled with care.  
 Love, ripe with laugh - ter;      hope that we can sing;  
 Eyes that are wide o - pen;      lies that we won't live;



God will not fal - ter;      so let us dare  
 dreams of what we're af - ter;      prom - is - es of when.  
 truth that must be spo - ken;      jus - tice some - how.



lay it at the al - tar      there.  
 Lay it at the al - tar      then.  
 Lay it at the al - tar      now.



4 What have we to of - fer?      What have we to



give?      Lives      we will live.

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### **Offering Prayer**

Precious Holy One, sometimes life appears troublesome and I look for kindness hidden in my day. I look closely so that I don't miss it because what looks insignificant can turn into holy. During my busy day I look between appointments to see how you slipped in to show me a friend's smile or a child's laugh or two puppies playing in the grass. Thank you for helping me see all the wonders of this day. I am grateful for all the ways that you show me about your love and how I can love you back. **AMEN** (*Connie Winter-Eulberg*)

### **THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is our duty and our delight that we would everywhere and always offer thanks and praise to you O God through Jesus Christ who by his death on a cross and glorious resurrection broke the bonds of sin and death and gave life to all creation.

And so with the church on earth, all creation and the host of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## Holy, Holy, Holy



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
 heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -  
 san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who  
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

## Eucharistic Prayer

God created the heavens and the earth. God created humans who had a hard time getting along with each other and putting God first in their lives. Then God sent prophets to teach us and still the people did not listen and obey. Then God sent Jesus who came to us in the form of a little baby who was feared by rulers right from the beginning. Jesus taught, healed and fed people, and many of those people were his followers. When Jesus sat at table and enjoyed communion with tax collectors and sinners, he proclaimed that God's care knows no bounds. We proclaim again the comfort and challenge of that witness. All are invited now to share God's table and be nourished by the bread of life.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: "Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this in remembrance of me.

May this meal be a blessing to each of us as we remember the gift of forgiveness given to us by the great love of Jesus as he died for us and rose from the dead.

For those in the balcony, please gather your celebratory meal for communion. Take and eat the body of Christ broken for you. Take and drink. This is the cup of salvation. **Amen.**

### **Lord's Prayer**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today  
our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive  
those who sin against us.  
Save us  
from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom,  
the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and forever.  
Amen.**

### **Notre Pere**

**Notre Père, qui es aux cieux,  
Que ton nom soit sanctifié,  
Que ton règne vienne,  
Que ta volonté soit faite  
sur la terre comme au ciel.  
Donne-nous aujourd'hui  
notre pain de ce jour.  
Pardonne-nous nos offenses  
comme nous pardonnons aussi  
à ceux qui nous ont offensés.  
Et ne nous laisses  
pas entrer en tentation,  
mais délivre-nous du mal.  
Car c'est à toi qu'appartiennent le  
règne,  
la puissance  
et la gloire,  
aux siècles des siècles.  
Amen.**

**Communion**

Invitation to Table:

The risen Christ dwells with us here. All who are hungry, all who are thirsty, come.

**Blessing**

May the Body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus, the Christ bless you and keep you in his grace.

**Amen**

**Prayer after Communion**

Jesus, once a pastor asked a confirmation student to answer the question, "If Jesus asked you why he should let you into heaven, what would you say?" The confirmation student replied, "Jesus knows me and he would never ask me that question." Jesus, help us to remember that you know us, forgive us and love us. The reminder of these things is comforting. Thank you. **AMEN** (*Connie Winter-Eulberg and John Stevens, "Because Grace" pg. 40*)

**Sending**

**Benediction** - God, the Author of life. Christ, the living Cornerstone, and the life-giving Spirit of adoption, † bless you now and forever.

**Amen.**

**Sending Hymn: Hymn #809 Send Me, Lord**

**Dismissal**

Go in peace. Knowing that the Holy Spirit is around and doing her work in our lives.

**Thanks be to God.**